

A copy of the Notice together with our check in the amount of \$130.00 in payment of the requisite surcharge fee is enclosed.

A petition for a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and our check in the amount of \$110.00 in payment of the extension fee is enclosed.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

On page 1, line 3, please insert the following paragraph:

HM --This application claims priority from U.S. provisional application serial no. 60/263,610 filed on January 23, 2001 and U.S. provisional application serial no. 60/225,714 filed on August 16, 2000.--

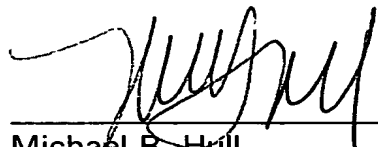
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the amount enclosed or any additional fees which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 13-2855. A copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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